

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please insert the following new paragraph at the beginning of the specification, immediately before paragraph 1:

--This application is a continuation of Application No. 09/485,536, which is a national stage of PCT/FR98/01813, filed August 14, 1998, and is incorporated herein by reference. This application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 to FR 97/10,404, filed August 14, 1997, and FR 97/11,325, filed September 11, 1997.--